

REMARKS

Restriction and Election Requirement

The Office Action restricted the claims under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following two groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-5, 12-14, 18 and 19; and

Group II: Claims 6-11, 15 and 20-22.

Applicant assumes that Group II was to also include Claims 16 and 17, and this response is based on that assumption.

Applicant elects without traverse to have the invention of Group I, Claims 1-5, 12-14, 18 and 19 examined. Claims 6-11, 15-17 and 20-22 are canceled. Hence, Claims 1-5, 12-14, 18 and 19 are pending in the application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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